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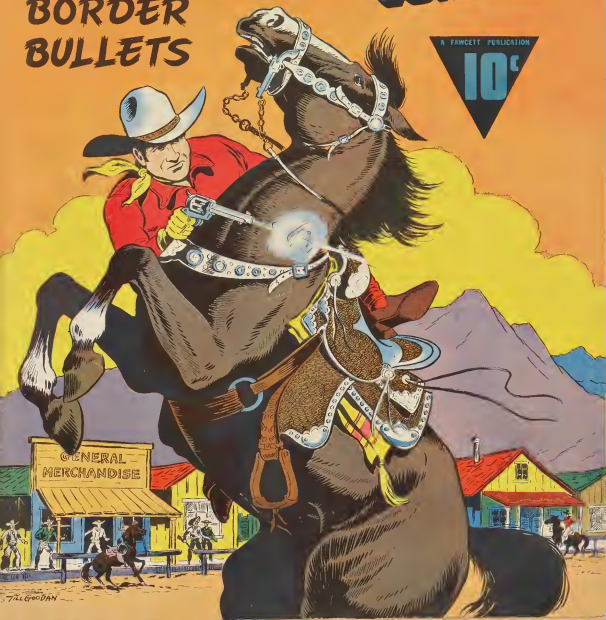
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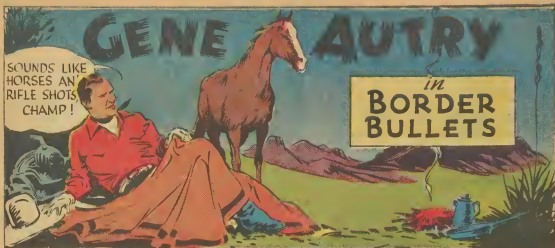
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TOO LATE CHAMP!
THAT'S THE RIO GRANDE.
WE CAN'T CHASE 'EM INTO
MEXICO



WHOS THERE?
YELL OUT OR I'LL LET YOU
HAVE BOTH BARRELS!



DON'T
SHOOT!

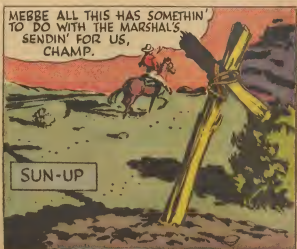


I'LL GET YOU
TO A DOCTOR

IT'S NO USE...
I'M DONE FOR

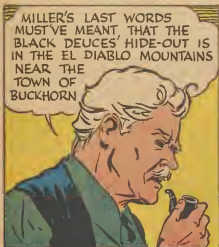
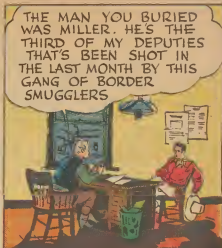
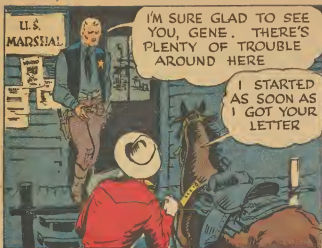


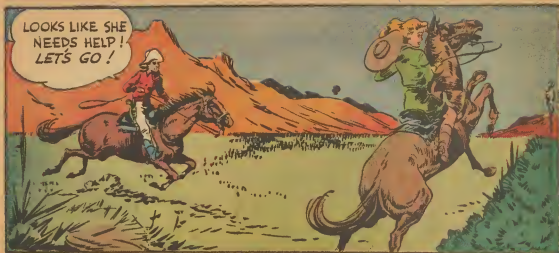
TELL MARSHAL DIGBY...
... THE BLACK DEUCES...
... EL DIABLO...
BUCKHORN...



MEBBE ALL THIS HAS SOMETHIN'
TO DO WITH THE MARSHAL'S
SENDIN' FOR US,
CHAMP.

SUN-UP





I'M SURE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR HELPIN' SALLY, AUTRY. YOU CAN GO TO WORK HERE ANYTIME

NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT, MR. GILBERT

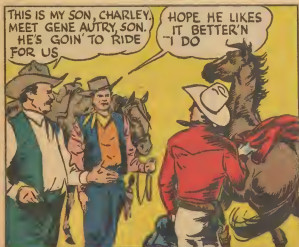


FIRST JOB I GOT FOR YOU IS TO FIX A BROKEN FENCE IN THE NORTH PASTURE



THIS IS MY SON, CHARLEY. MEET GENE AUTRY, SON. HE'S GOIN' TO RIDE FOR US

HOPE HE LIKES IT BETTER'N I DO



CHARLEY WORRIES ME. HE'D RATHER HANG AROUND TOWN THAN WORK AT RANCHIN'

HE'LL OUTGROW THAT

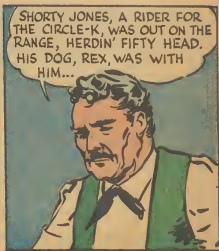


SALLY TELLS ME YOU'RE HAVIN' TROUBLE WITH RUSTLERS

PLENTY O' TROUBLE... THEY SHOWED UP FIRST ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO



SHORTY JONES, A RIDER FOR THE CIRCLE-K, WAS OUT ON THE RANGE, HERDIN' FIFTY HEAD. HIS DOG, REX, WAS WITH HIM...





"REX'S BARKIN' WOKE SHORTY IN TH' NIGHT...."



"SHORTY JUMPED
UP AN' GRABBED
HIS GUN.
HE SAW
SOMEBODY
MOVIN' IN THE
HERD, SO HE
FIRED...."



"REX CHASED AFTER
A COUPLA MEN WHO
WERE CUTTIN' OUT
SOME OF THE CATTLE..."



"SHORTY
EMPTIED
HIS GUN.
BUT HE
WAS HIT..."



"THE RUSTLERS GOT AWAY...."



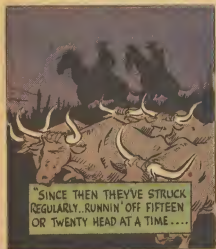
"REX
WENT FOR
HELP...."



SHORTY LIVED
JUST LONG
ENOUGH TO
DESCRIBE THE
RUSTLERS...



"SHORTY SAID THEY WORE
BLACK CLOTHES AN' BLACK
MASKS THAT COVERED THEIR
WHOLE FACES AN' MADE 'EM
ALMOST INVISIBLE AT NIGHT....



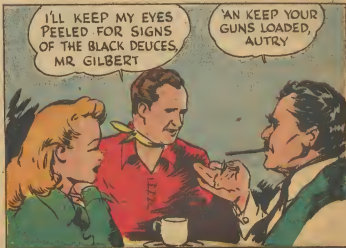
"SINCE THEN THEY'VE STRUCK
REGULARLY..RUNNIN' OFF FIFTEEN
OR TWENTY HEAD AT A TIME....



"THEY BEEN
SHOOTIN'
AN' KILLIN'
HONEST MEN...



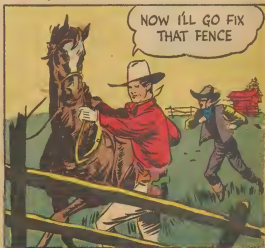
"THERE'S ALWAYS JUST
TWO OF 'EM THE
BOYS CALL 'EM THE
BLACK DEUCES."

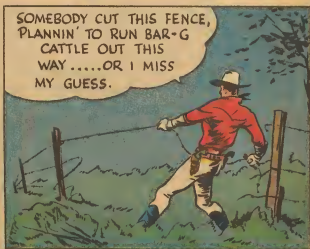


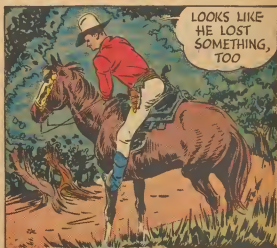
I'LL KEEP MY EYES
PEELED FOR SIGNS
OF THE BLACK DEUCES,
MR GILBERT

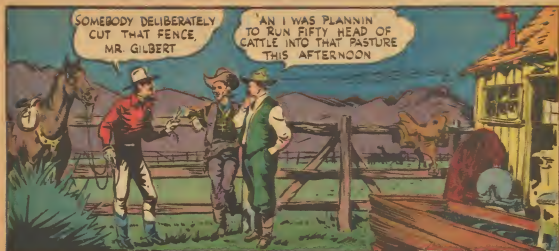
'AN KEEP YOUR
GUNS LOADED,
AUTRY

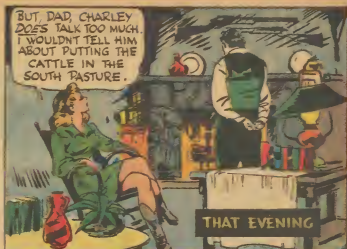
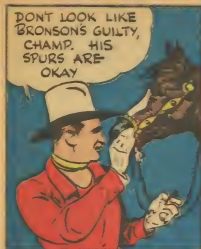








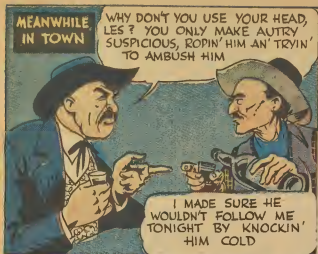






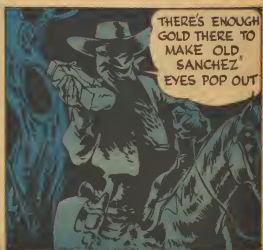


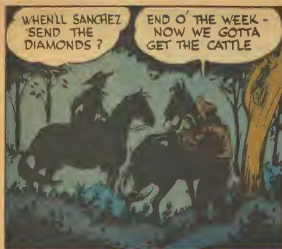














WHEN'RE
THE DIAMONDS
COMIN' ?

SANCHEZ
SAY TWO NIGHTS
FROM NOW



HASTA
LA VISTA,
SEÑORES



YOU SURE
GOT A SWELL
SYSTEM, SAM

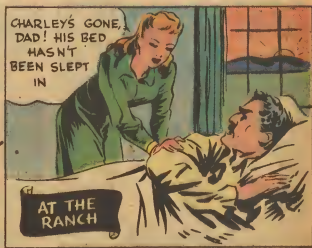


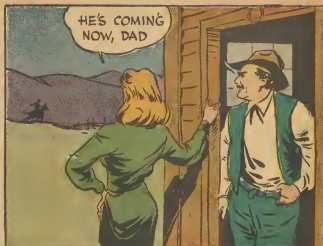
YEAH. WE SMUGGLE
THE GOLD AND
CATTLE ACROSS
AN' SANCHEZ SENDS
BACK DIAMONDS

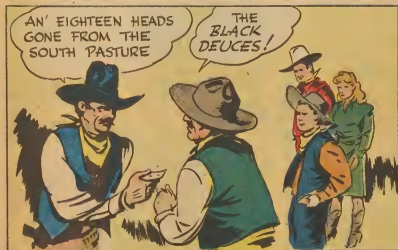
AN' YOU SELL
THE CATTLE,
BESIDES

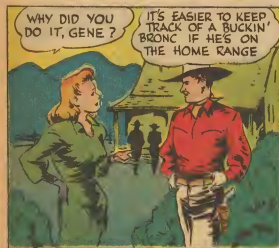
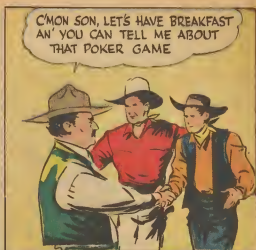


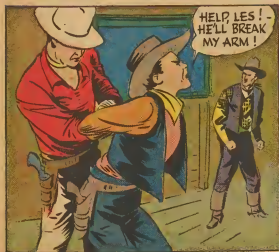
AS SOON AS WE
CHANGE CLOTHES, BEAT
IT FOR HOME, CHARLEY.
IT'S ALMOST SUN-UP

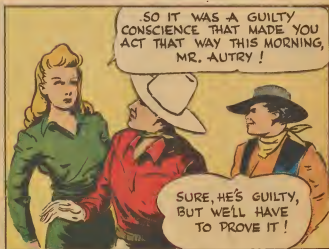
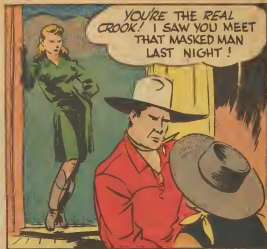


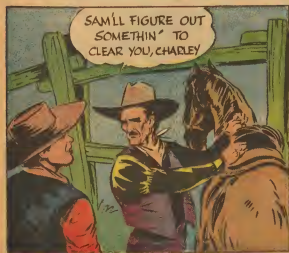
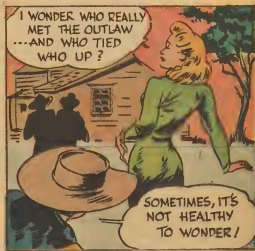






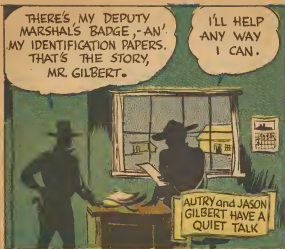






THERE'S MY DEPUTY
MARSHAL'S BADGE, -AN'
MY IDENTIFICATION PAPERS.
THAT'S THE STORY,
MR. GILBERT.

I'LL HELP
ANY WAY
I CAN.



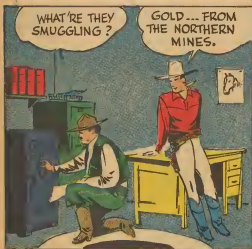
I'M FAIRLY SURE
THE RUSTLERS ARE
MIXED UP WITH
THIS SMUGGLIN'
OUTFIT!

THAT'S POSSIBLE.
ALL THE RAIDED
RANCHES LIE
ALONG THE
BORDER.



WHAT'RE THEY
SMUGGLING?

GOLD... FROM
THE NORTHERN
MINES.



YOUR BADGE AN'
PAPERS'LL BE
SAFE HERE FOR
THE PRESENT.



LEAVE CHARLEY TO
ME, MR. GILBERT.
MAYBE IT'S NOT
TOO LATE TO GET
HIM IN THE CLEAR.

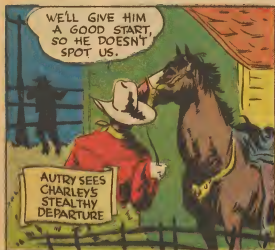
I HOPE
IT ISN'T!



WHERE'S
AUTRY?

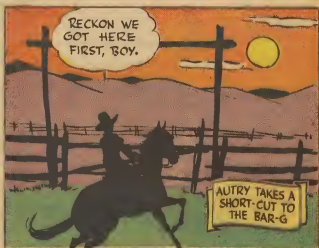
GONE TO
TOWN.

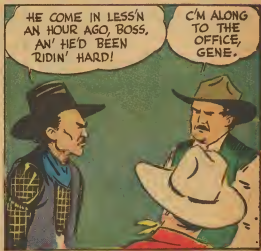
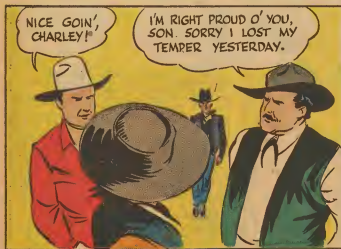
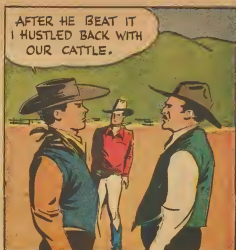
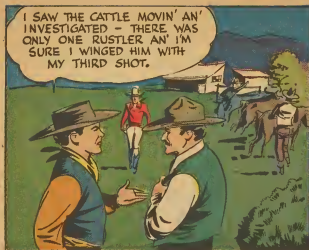


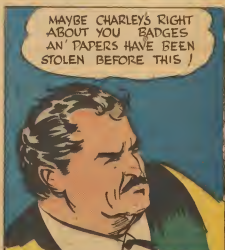
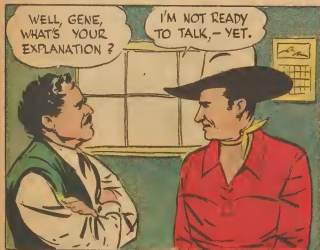
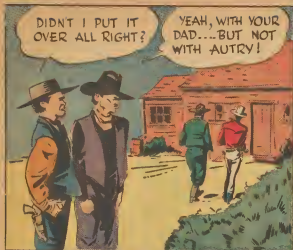


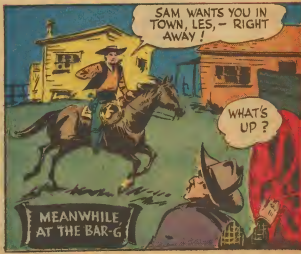
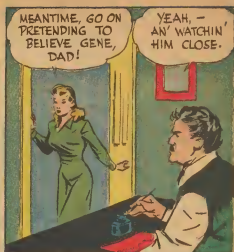


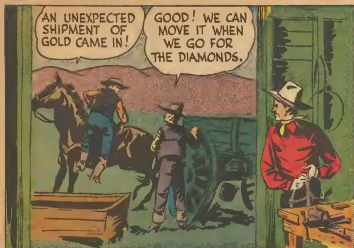






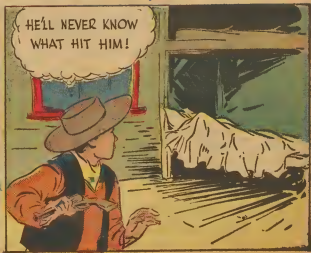
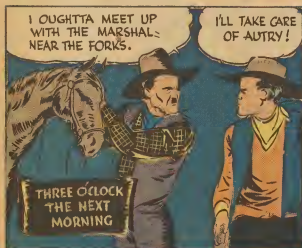
















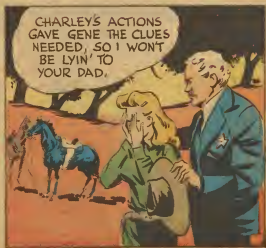


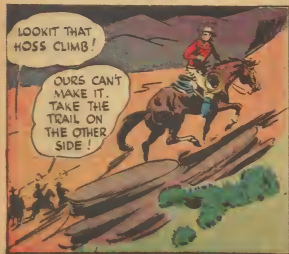
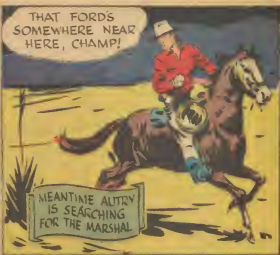


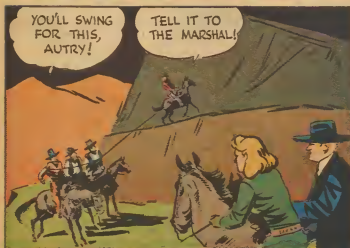














SHOOTIN'S TOO
GOOD FOR YOU!



THEY PACKED THE
STOLEN GOLD DUST
IN HERE... AN' THE
DIAMONDS CAME BACK
THE SAME WAY!



AN' THE CATTLE
CARRYIN' THE GOODS
WERE MARKED WITH
WHITE PAINT!

THIS PIECE FITS INTO
THESE SPURS I FOUND
IN LES' LOCKER!

IT'LL HELP HANG
HIM AN' HIS
PAL, SAM.



LATER, AT
THE BAR-G

THE MEXICAN
POLICE ROUNDED UP
SANCHEZ RIGHT AFTER
LES CONFESSED.



YOU AN' CHARLEY PUT ON
A GOOD ACT, GENE.
I'M GLAD THE KID HAD
THE RIGHT STUFF IN HIM.

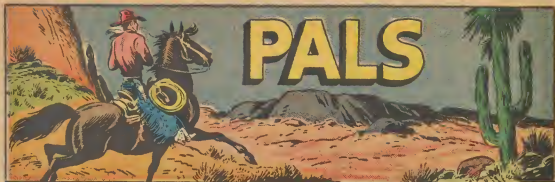
BEIN' YOUR SON,
HE COULDN'T
HELP BUT HAVE!



GOODBYE, GENE,
AND THANKS!

I'LL BE
BACK SOME
DAY, SALLY!





The red rim of the rising sun was peering cautiously above the jagged mesa when the dawn's silence was shattered by thundering hoofs and the echoing "yippee-ki-yi" of a happy man. Out of the west raced a giant black stallion whose rider suddenly began to sing, a little off-key:

"Oh, give me a home, where . . ."

Ebony neighed accompaniment. He liked that song, which Jim reserved for their solitary gallops over the plains. Ebony liked everything Jim did and Jim returned the liking. To this lean-jawed, bronze-faced man, the stallion was "perfection plus." Folks in the valley, where Jim's ranch, the Flying-R, sprawled in modest prosperity, teased Jim.

"That Jim Rand ain't got time for gals. He's too crazy about that black hoss o' his," they would say in his hearing.

Jim would laugh deep-throatedly and pat Ebony's sleek neck. "Reckon that's right. Ebony an' me are pals, sure 'nough."

Ebony knew what "pals" meant. It meant lumps of sugar, gentle pats of affection, a warm stall at night and a grassy meadow in the sun.

When he had belonged to Pedro Martinez, Ebony had never felt that way. Pedro was a half-breed with a heart as black as his hair. To him, horses were beasts and he treated them as such. The first time Jim had seen Ebony, Pedro was handling the magnificent animal as if he were a snarling catamount, instead of the

finest piece of horse-flesh Jim had seen.

"Me, Pedro, weel teach you to do w'at Pedro say!" the half-breed screamed, raising the bull-whip for another blow.

The whip was never lowered. Jim leaped off his calico pony and landed a savage right on Pedro's jaw that knocked the half-breed flat.

"You coyote!" Jim spat the words through clenched teeth. "You ornery polecat! Get goin' fast."

Cringing, Pedro stumbled to his feet. "But Senor, the horse, he ees a bad wan . . . an' he cost me much dinero."

Jim yanked a handful of gold coins from his pocket and contemptuously threw them at the half-breed. "There's more cash than you ever saw! Now—get!"

There was a look in Jim's eyes that filled Pedro with terror. Men who killed often wore similar looks. He tore away down the street and Jim turned to the horse.

"You're mine now, boy," he said softly. "An' I'm gonna make you forget there's such things as half-breeds with whips."

Ebony's memory of Pedro's cruelty blurred under kindness as the months flew by. But Jim's did not and, when he was called to testify against Pedro, charged with highway robbery, he did so with great satisfaction. Pedro was convicted and led away, yelling threats against Jim; threats which he vowed to carry out when he was released.

Strangely enough, Jim was remember-

ing those threats that morning as he and Ebony galloped across the mesa and into the yard of the Flying-R. Pedro had been sent to prison four years ago. Probably it wouldn't be long now before—

"Say, Boss!" Shorty West, his foreman, was lumbering toward him. "Pedro Martinez got out yesterday!"

Jim tensed. "Where is he?"

"In town, gettin' drunker'n a hoot owl." Shorty shook his head lugubriously. "Says he's gonna get even with you, if it's the last thing he does."

Two, three, four days went by. But Pedro did not show up at the Flying-R. When Jim heard that he had left for the Border country, he redoubled his vigilance. Pedro might have started that runior to throw him off-guard. A week passed, and another. Still no Pedro. One night in Ebony's stall Jim wondered.

"Reckon Pedro's decided it ain't healthy to start anything," Jim absent-mindedly stroked the stallion's nose.

Ebony tried to tell Jim he was grateful but Jim mistook the nuzzling for a searching after sugar. "Gosh, I clean forgot your sugar. I'll bring it pronto!"

As Jim neared the door, the shadow struck. It leaped through the dark, lashing out with a muttered oath and a flash of steel. Jim fell, unconscious.

Ebony whinnied in fear as his nostrils caught a familiar odor. It was the odor of Pedro Martinez—the man he hated.

Pedro opened Ebony's stall and slapped him on the flank.

"Vamos!" his harsh voice said. "Me, Pedro, I feex that smart-aleck Jeem Rand for send me to jail—but I tak' you now."

Ebony went through the open stall door like a bolt of black lightning and raced out into the yard. There he paused to look back. A thin curl of scarlet flame was creeping up the side of the barn door. The

great horse quivered. Then, as the fire flamed high, he whinnied loudly. Pedro clattered from the barn toward him.

"An' now we go!"

Pedro had no time to say more. Ebony was on him, his hoofs working like flails. From the horse's throat came the triumphant cry of a victorious stallion, a cry that roused the cowhands in the bunkhouse.

Ebony heard them coming, heard their shouts of dismay and anger, but he did not wait. He knew that Jim, of the kind voice and gentle, affection, was beyond those flames. With his great heart thudding against his ribs, Ebony dashed through the flaming barrier. There was Jim, face down on the barn floor, just beyond the edge of the rapidly-spreading fire. The stallion moved forward. Sinking his teeth into Jim's trouser leg, he backed out of the barn, dragging his unconscious burden.

Ebony is an old horse now. He lives a life of ease with Jim on the Flying-R. Jim's side still carries a scar and he never tires of telling about Ebony.

"First time in my life I ever heard of a horse goin' into fire to save somebody after killin' a man!" Jim usually began the story. "Ebony's the greatest horse that ever lived—an' the best pal a man ever had!"



FAMOUS BUCKING HORSES. NO. 1.

Steamboat





STEAMBOAT WAS THE FIRST BUCKING HORSE TO "GET A REPUTATION." HE WAS OWNED BY C.V. IRWIN AND BUCKED FROM THE TIME HE WAS A COLT. FOR MANY YEARS HE WAS THE TOP HORSE AT THE FRONTIER DAYS CELEBRATION HELD IN CHEYENNE, WYOMING, AND FAMOUS BRONC RIDERS CAME FROM ALL OVER THE WEST TO "TAKE A SETTIN' AT HIM." SO GREAT WAS HIS FAME THAT PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT ATTENDED THE RODEO TO SEE HIM PERFORM.

ACCORDING TO RECORDS HE WAS NEVER RIDDEN UNTIL 1904, WHEN HARRY BRENNAN, A COWBOY FROM SHERIDAN, WYOMING, SUCCEEDED IN RIDING HIM AT THE CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS RODEO. FOR TWO MORE YEARS OLD STEAMBOAT CONTINUED TO "STACK UP" THE BRONC RIDERS, BUT IN 1907 CLAYTON DANKS WON FIRST MONEY ON HIM AT CHEYENNE. THE FOLLOWING YEAR, 1908, DICK STANLEY RODE HIM. FOR SEVERAL MORE YEARS HE WAS A TOP BUCKER, FINALLY BEING RETIRED BY HIS OWNER, BUT HE NEVER STOPPED TRYING.



WILL GOODAN

FAMILY BUCKING HORSES. NO. 2.

Midnight





MIDNIGHT WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST BUCKING HORSES OF ALL TIME. HE WAS GENTLE TO HANDLE AND WAS FIRST OWNED BY A SCHOOL TEACHER IN LOUISIANA WHO USED HIM FOR A BUGGY HORSE. IT IS CLAIMED THAT SOMEONE TRIED TO RIDE HIM AND WAS PROMPTLY BUCKED OFF. OTHERS TRIED IT AND MET THE SAME FATE. A RODEO CAME TO TOWN AND THE COWBOYS COULD NOT RIDE HIM SO THE McCARTY AND ELLIOTT LIVESTOCK CONTRACTORS BOUGHT HIM FOR THEIR RODEO STRING. IT IS SAID THAT PETE KNIGHT, CHAMPION BRONC RIDER FOR FOUR YEARS, WAS THE ONLY COWBOY EVER TO RIDE HIM. HE WAS RETIRED AFTER BEING TOP HORSE IN THE RODEOS FOR MANY YEARS.



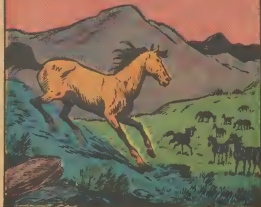
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GOLD FLASH

GOLD FLASH, THE WILD BUCKSKIN COLT, WAS CAPTURED AND BRANDED BY BART WEST. BUT THE FLASH ESCAPED. FINALLY BART CAUGHT HIM AND GENTLED HIM. TWO COWBOYS TRIED TO STEAL THE HALF-TAMED COLT. THE FLASH BROKE AWAY AND RACED TO FREEDOM AGAIN.

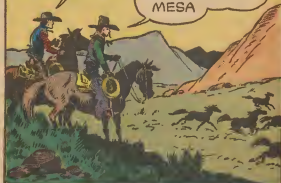


GOLD FLASH REJOINS THE ROVING BAND OF MUSTANGS



THAT'S A GOOD LOOKIN' BUNCH OF MUSTANGS

LET'S FIX UP THAT OLD TRAP. THEY'RE HEADIN' NORTH TOWARD SMOKY MESA



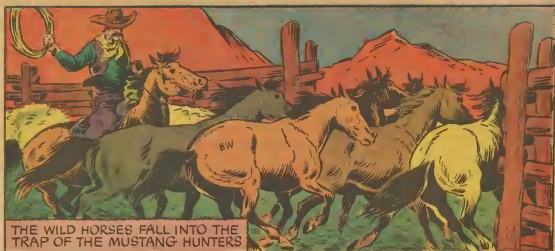
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I GOT TH' WINGS ALL BRACED UP. LET'S RIDE OUT AN' SEE IF WE CAN FOG 'EM IN

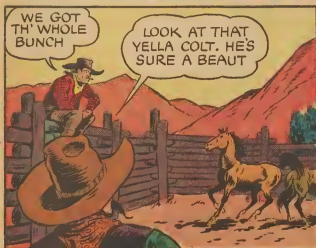


KEEP 'EM GOIN', BLACKIE! DON'T GIVE 'EM A CHANCE TO BEND BACK!





THE WILD HORSES FALL INTO THE TRAP OF THE MUSTANG HUNTERS



WE GOT TH' WHOLE BUNCH

LOOK AT THAT YELLA COLT. HE'S SURE A BEAUT



YEAH. AN' HE'S WEARIN' A BW BRAND

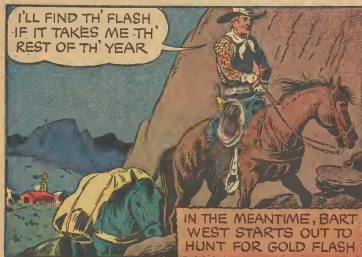
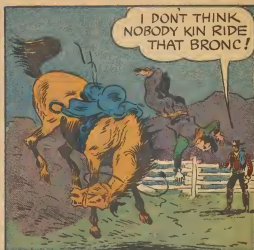
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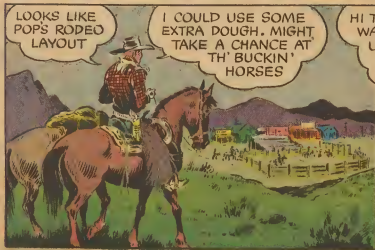
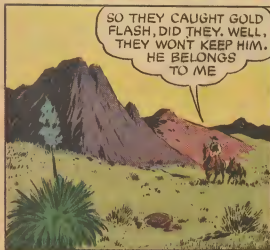
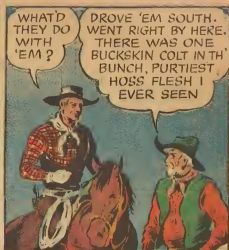


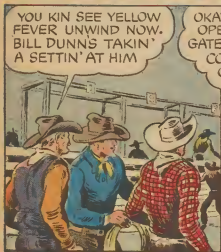
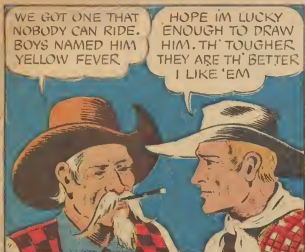
MEBBE HE'S BEEN RODE BEFORE. I'LL SADDLE HIM AN' FIND OUT



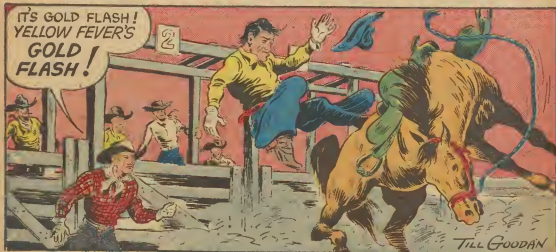
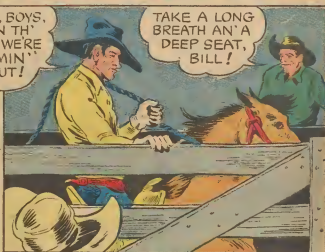
GREAT GUNS! HE SURE DID COME UNDONE!







OKAY, BOYS, OPEN TH' GATE. WE'RE COMIN' OUT!





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